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As a professional in the computer industry for the last 15 years I have been directly affected by Microsoft's monopolistic practices and have therefore watched these proceedings with great interest. As I understand it Microsoft was found guilty of unfair trade practices which it used to increase it's market share at the expense of it's competition. As I understand the settlement Microsoft will be forced by the courts to utilize unfair trade practices (software dumping) to increase it's market share at the expense of it's competition. I do NOT see this as a punishment or as a way to eliminate their current monopoly. Please consider other alternatives such as requiring Microsoft to purchase hardware and software from other vendors (IBM, RedHat, Apple, Sun, BeOS - I don't care who) and distribute those products to the schools. I am not even going to try to address the issues of the small size of the settlement.

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